

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA SPOONHEIM

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Montana musician known and loved by hundreds of thousands of fans in Montana and across the world.

That's no exaggeration, because she has played in one iconic Montana establishment for 55 years.

Patricia Spoonheim, better known as Piano Pat, began playing keyboards at the Sip 'n Dip Lounge in Great Falls in 1963. Travel publications acclaim the Sip 'n Dip as a "must see" in Montana, and Piano Pat is one of the reasons.

Pat was born and raised along Montana's Hi-Line in the 1930s. Even during harsh winters, Pat's mother would drive her over 80 miles roundtrip for piano lessons. She began playing professionally at the age of 14.

Pat worked multiple jobs and played several nights a week to support her family. Now into her 80s, Piano Pat still enjoys what she does. She teaches her grandchildren piano and continues to work nights at the Sip 'n Dip. The one song she says she particularly loves performing is "Try a Little Tenderness."

Television networks and national publications have profiled Piano Pat. A cable television channel recently featured her to represent Montana in a series titled "Her America: 50 Women, 50 States."

Her music and spirit have entertained countless Montanans and visitors from across the globe. It is my honor to recognize Patricia Spoonheim for entertaining patrons of the Sip 'n Dip and for representing our Montana way of life.

CONGRATULATING ECOLAB, INC. ON WINNING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT CENTER'S 34TH ANNUAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ecolab, Inc. on winning the World Environment Center's (WEC) 34th Annual Gold Medal Award. The WEC Gold Medal is one of the most prestigious forms of recognition for commitment to the practice of sustainable development.

This week, Doug Baker, the chairman and CEO of Ecolab, Inc., will receive on behalf of the company the WEC's Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development. Ecolab, Inc. was selected because of its commitment to global water conservation, and its development of tools that

demonstrate the value of water and reveal water-related risks so customers can make better informed decisions. Together, these innovations are helping customers improve water and energy use while preserving natural resources. Notably, the company helped customers conserve 171 billion gallons of water in 2017, and aims for 300 billion gallons of water conserved annually by 2030.

Ecolab, Inc. is an international leader in advancing global water stewardship through partnerships aimed at conserving natural resources. Ecolab, Inc. partners with non-governmental organizations, such as the World Wildlife Fund and The Nature Conservancy to help advance water conservation and stewardship initiatives throughout the world. Ecolab, Inc. has also demonstrated international leadership as a founding partner of the Alliance for Water Stewardship's Water Stewardship Standard, a globally consistent and locally adaptable framework to inform decisions and to promote sustainable freshwater use.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in celebrating this special occasion and congratulating Ecolab, Inc. on winning the WEC's Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development.

RECOGNIZING RABBI STEPHEN HART

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my friend and a pillar in our community, Rabbi Stephen Hart. Rabbi Hart is retiring from his position as senior Rabbi after 25 years of dedicated and distinguished service to Temple Chai in Long Grove, Illinois.

Stephen Hart was born and raised in Chicago where he attended Sinai Congregation in Hyde Park. He spent his young summers at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute camp, building on the Jewish identity established by his family.

After completing his undergraduate degree at Spertus College, he pursued his Rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College. He initially served as a rabbi at North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe for six years before joining Temple Chai.

Over the course of his quarter century with Temple Chai, Rabbi Hart has nurtured an inclusive community that celebrates the full cycle of Jewish life and inspires lifelong learning, community service and a love of Israel. He has served his congregation, and indeed our broader local community with distinction, leading by example through his keen understanding of Jewish values and dedication to active outreach and youth engagement.

Rabbi Hart has long been dedicated to community outreach. Early in his career, while at North Shore Congregation Israel, he helped

develop the nationally-recognized "Stepping Stones to a Jewish Me" program, intended to help children of interfaith marriages understand the faith of their Jewish parent. Rabbi Hart has also been a leader in the national Jewish community, serving on the National Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Hart also serves on the Executive Committee of the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis.

A resident of Buffalo Grove, Rabbi Hart is married to his wife, Mendy and together are the proud parents of two daughters, Lani and Dena.

I want to thank Rabbi Hart for 25 years of committed service, dedicated leadership, vision and passion. On behalf of Illinois' Tenth Congressional District, I wish Rabbi Hart the very best in his well-deserved retirement with family and friends.

LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to congratulate Lake County Parks and Recreation, as the organization celebrates its 50th anniversary. For half a century, the parks department has enhanced the lives of the residents and visitors of Northwest Indiana. In recognition of this milestone, the organization will be celebrating with numerous programs and events throughout 2018.

On June 1, 1968, Lake County Parks and Recreation was created by the Lake County Council. Back then, the department was working with nothing more than a dirt road running through two-hundred acres of land. However, the group's leaders, members, and volunteers had a vision for Lake County Parks and Recreation to provide a place for residents and guests to enjoy nature, host family gatherings, ride their bikes, accommodate children's activities, and conserve land.

Throughout the years, Lake County Parks and Recreation has surpassed its goals and exceeded its expectations, and it continues to progress. Today, Lake County maintains eleven parks and has preserved thousands of acres of open space, natural areas, historic sites, and trails. Due to the hard work and dedication of its numerous employees, volunteers, and elected officials, the department has exceeded all expectations. With over one million people visiting the park sites yearly, the organization truly adds to the quality of life in Northwest Indiana.

Lake County Parks and Recreation is recognized by the State of Indiana as being a progressive department. The organization provides numerous innovative educational and cultural programs for children and adults. In

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addition, through its efforts to restore and manage forested properties, wetlands, and prairies, the department holds storm waters, improves water and air quality, protects endangered species, and helps to maintain natural habitats. Lake County Parks and Recreation has won numerous awards and accolades for its great works, and it is certainly worthy of each and every honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Lake County Parks and Recreation on its 50th anniversary. For the past fifty years, the leadership, employees, and volunteers of the department have enhanced the lives of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to the community of Northwest Indiana, and they are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOQUEL

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of Soquel. Established in May of 1868, the Congregational Church of Soquel has built a legacy of providing a safe and supportive environment for many of my constituents in the 20th Congressional District of California. The church has a history of service and sanctuary, while actively engaging in acts of compassion, justice, and a sense of responsibility.

The Congregational Church of Soquel—also known as the Little White Church in the Vale—has served as a pillar of the Soquel community since it was first organized by Joshua and Narcissa Parrish in 1868. The Church, both as a brick-and-mortar institution and as a family, persevered through many adversities while maintaining a sense of service to the community. The Church has repeatedly served as a shelter and temporary fire station during natural disasters. Even through the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake which devastated much of our community, the Church remained indomitable.

The Church not only provides opportunities for satisfying spiritual needs, but also works to provide tangible solutions to community needs, including hunger and homelessness. Currently, the Church fulfills its mission of addressing food insecurity and homelessness through its partnership with many crucial organizations in my district such as Meals on Wheels, the Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Homeless Services Center. In addition, the church also partners with The Great Chili Cook-Off, which supports the Mid-County Homeless Coalition—Shower Trailer Program. Through these partnerships, local organizations can ensure that many of those in need are provided with emergency food and housing.

The Church not only looks for opportunities to help within our community, but also beyond our country's borders. The Church continues to address food insecurity internationally through its work with the Panamerican Institute in Tijuana, Mexico. There, the Church provides food baskets for families of the Insti-

tute and motivates both youth and adults to make improvements in schools and homes in the area. In addition to the church's service in Mexico, they also participate in Solehope, which provides shoes to children in Uganda. In Kenya, the church supports Happy Life Children's Home, which helps to find homes for abandoned children. These missions and services that the church participates in locally and globally show their dedication to uplifting communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication and commitment to compassion and justice that the Congregational Church of Soquel provides to the 20th Congressional District. We are fortunate to have an institution like the Congregational Church of Soquel call the central coast of California home. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of Soquel.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF GLENDALE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Assistance League of Glendale upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Assistance League of Glendale began with a small group of women dedicated to performing selfless acts for the local community and has since developed into a multifaceted philanthropic organization targeted at providing aid to women, men and children in need of guidance, assistance and care. The members work to ensure that the needs of children and seniors in Glendale are met with care and respect, and dedicate thousands of hours to improve the city.

Committed to promoting education and enriching the lives of students, the Assistance League of Glendale provides clothing to elementary school children in need, reading support and books, as well as thousands of dollars in scholarships for students graduating from high schools and college in Glendale.

In addition to its exceptional work for young students, the Assistance League of Glendale provides social programs and meals for seniors, weekly training for developmentally challenged adults to learn vocational skills, and quality pre-owned merchandise as well as clothing at affordable prices.

This volunteer-driven organization continues its mission to assist and uplift as it strives to address the increasing needs of the community with innovative, dynamic and creative philanthropic programs that promote emotional and physical well-being, and over the years has evolved to meet the shifting needs of the community.

The Assistance League of Glendale serves as a brilliant example of the power of volunteerism and what people can do when inspired to connect with others in the spirit of humanitarianism. The time, effort, and care that the organization has given to the community is outstanding, and the residents of Glendale and the greater Los Angeles area have benefited greatly from their work.

I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Assistance League of Glendale

for seventy-five years of dedicated, outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

MICHAEL MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michael Martinez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Michael Martinez is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Michael Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Michael Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING GUNNERY SERGEANT JEREMY L. LONG ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of the forthcoming retirement of Gunnery Sergeant Jeremy L. Long on June 30, 2018.

GySgt Jeremy Long has served the United States Marine Corps with honor and distinction for twenty years. A career of such longevity in support of our national security is, in itself, an accomplishment worthy of recognition. GySgt Long has accomplished extraordinary achievements during his exceptional career that demands more than just recognition of a grateful nation. He has earned the respect of countless fellow Marines that have benefited from his leadership and technical expertise in six different military occupational specialties and the adulation of millions, who he has never met, but who benefited from his service nonetheless.

Jeremy Long's Human Intelligence occupational specialty put him directly into harm's way on multiple deployments into the most dangerous battlefields of his generation. GySgt Long deployed to Iraq three times. First to Mahmudiyah in 2003, then Husaybah in 2004 and again in 2005 with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). Later, he deployed to Afghanistan three more times. First, with the 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion (MSOB) in 2007 to Helmand Province, again in 2009 with the 1st MSOB in 2009 and finally with the Special Operations Task Force-81 in 2012.